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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR)	
P2X RECEPTOR CALCIUM ENTRY)	
CHANNELS AND OTHER CALCIUM)	
ENTRY MECHANISMS)	

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

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Sir:

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I, Erik M. Schwiebert, Ph.D., hereby declare that:

1. I received my BA degree in Biology from Grinnell College (1987). I earned my Ph.D. degree in Physiology 1992 from Dartmouth College. After my postdoctoral fellowships at Dartmouth Medical School (1992-1993) and the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine (1993-1996), I joined the faculty at UAB in December 1996. In October 2002, I was promoted to Associate Professor. I have over 20 years of experience in the field of physiology, with an emphasis on epithelial cell physiology and pathophysiology. Over the past 12 years, I have studied the purinergic ligand, ATP, in the study of cystic fibrosis. More recently (over the past 5 years), I have studied the biometal ligand, zinc, and how it interacts with receptors and channels. This includes specific experience in purinergic receptors. A partial curriculum vitae is attached to this declaration as an exhibit (**Exhibit A appended**).

2. I have reviewed the specification of the above-identified application, and the specification of PCT/2004/01298, filed January 20, 2004; as well as the specification of 60/441,045, filed January 17, 2003, and 60/474,4223, filed June 3, 2003, to which the above-identified application claims priority.

3. I have reviewed the Office Action mailed February 7, 2008 in connection with the above-identified application and the following references cited in that Office Action:

a. Taylor et al. (The Journal of Clinical Investigation, October 1999, Vol. 104 No. 7, pages 875-884, cited as disclosing that P2X purinergic receptor channels bind ATP and mediate Ca^{2+} influx and signals that stimulate secretory Cl^- transport across epithelia.

b. Schwiebert et al. (American Journal of Physiology, June 2001), by *, and *, cited as disclosing that P2X receptors, on binding their ATP ligand, may increase cytosolic Ca^{2+} transiently and stimulate Cl^- and fluid secretion and ciliary beat frequency.

c. CAPLUS abstract 2001:30580, cited as disclosing that the zinc ion is a known P2X receptor modulator that potentiates the actions of ATP in P2X receptor gated ion channels.

d. Boucher, Jr. (US 6,926,911; hereinafter, Boucher), cited as disclosing treating cystic fibrosis patients with meglumine chloride, i.e. N-methyl D-glucamine chloride, via multiple delivery means.

e. Senior (Medline abstract 86146262), cited as disclosing the role of pH in cystic fibrosis.

f. Rubenstein et al. (US 2002/0115619), cited as disclosing that cystic fibrosis is known to be treated with combination therapy wherein beneficial effects of multiple individual agents are combined.

4. I understand that claims 1-3, 12-13, 21-23, and 142-146 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious. Specifically, I understand that the rejection is based in part on the contention that the ordinary skilled artisan in this field would have been motivated to utilize the zinc ion, to treat cystic fibrosis. I present in this declaration evidence indicating that this is not the case, that those of skill in the art at the time of

the invention would not have believed that treatment with Zn^{2+} and ATP; α , β -methylene-ATP; benzoyl-benzoyl-ATP; ATP γ S; or AMPPNP, would result in a sustained elevation in cytosolic Ca^{2+} levels in the cell.

5. As an expert in the field of epithelial cell physiology and pathophysiology of the biometal zinc in general and treatment of cystic fibrosis in particular, and as an individual with extensive knowledge of the level of understanding of those of skill in the art at the time Application Serial No. 10/542,555 was filed, I believe that no one would have thought cell calcium levels would be stimulated and kept in a sustained elevated state in the cell via this or any maneuver. The mammalian cell is designed to fight to keep calcium levels low and all calcium agonists elicit transient calcium spikes. Our prior work, cited above as prior art, elicited transient rises in cell calcium with ATP alone. The same is elicited in past publications by zinc alone. The combination of the two ligands, zinc and ATP, in combination with the chemical and pH modifications to the saline vehicle (no magnesium, no sodium, Mg and Na replaced by NMDG, and a pH of 7.9) was the critical "secret sauce" that elicited marked and sustained increases in cell calcium, not heretofore observed by us or by others with these agonists. Previous to this accidental finding designed to define what P2X receptor channels were specifically being activated by zinc and ATP, we did not feel that our cellular responses were sufficient enough to warrant working toward a CF therapy (e.g., in particular, the brief and transient nature of the cell calcium response). In fact, our Journal of Biological Chemistry paper that was published after our provisional patent was filed was reviewed by Science (only 10% of submitted articles are reviewed) and was well received. The only point of contention that precluded its publication in Science was that the reviewers were astounded in terms of how we could possibly be causing such a large and sustained calcium signal that remains elevated as it does. More recent unpublished work (done before I vacated my academic laboratory) defined other reasons why we believe that we trigger the sustained cell calcium signal in order of the cellular events in time:

(1) Zinc and ATP in the modified saline solution collaborate to gate or open P2X4 and P2X6 heteromultimeric purinergic receptor calcium entry channels, allowing calcium influx from extracellular stores.

(2) Zinc also stimulates one or more zinc-sensing G protein-coupled receptors to trigger calcium release from intracellular or internal ER stores.

(3) Zinc emptying of ER stores causes further store-operated calcium entry through another known cellular pathway for calcium mobilization.

(4) Zinc enters into airway epithelial cells where it may inhibit the plasma membrane calcium ATPase pump that pumps cell calcium out of cells to bring cell calcium levels back to normal low levels.

Having said all that, removal of zinc and ATP causes a full reversal of the effect (i.e., it is not irreversible). If it was not a reversible biological effect on cell calcium, we would have not filed a patent or pursued the work so vigorously as a therapy. Simply put, this is a novel method and composition not heretofor realized.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge and belief are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that the statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: 8-4-2008



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EXHIBIT A

Partial CV: Biosketch and Past Research Support for Dr. Erik M. Schwiebert, Ph.D.

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Grinnell College	B. A.	1983-1987	Biology
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1997-2002 Assistant Professor of Physiology and Biophysics, University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)
1997-2002 Assistant Professor of Cell Biology (secondary appointment), UAB
1997-2007 Research Scientist in the Gregory Fleming James CF Research Center
2002-2007 Associate Professor of Physiology and Biophysics, UAB
2002-2007 Associate Professor of Cell Biology (secondary appointment), UAB
2005-2007 Research Scientist in the Nephrology Research and Training Center
2005-2007 Research Scientist in the Recessive Polycystic Kidney Disease Research & Translational Core Centers
2007-Present Chief Executive Officer, Chief Scientific Officer and Director, DiscoveryBioMed, LLC

1993 John W. Strohbehn Medal for Excellence in Biomedical Research from Dartmouth Medical School

1993-1996 NIH NRSA Postdoctoral Fellowship Award (4 Years)

1996 W. Barry Wood Young Investigator Award for Excellence in Biomedical Research from Johns Hopkins University

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1996 Biophysical Society Membranes Subgroup Award

1996 Pew Scholars Nominee for UAB

1997 Symposium Speaker for Experimental Biology 1997

1997-2002 Editorial Board for the American Journal of Physiology Cell Physiology

1999-2002, 2004-Present Editorial Board for the American Journal of Physiology Renal Physiology

2000 Symposium Speaker for Experimental Biology 2000

2001 Ad-Hoc Reviewer for Medical Biochemistry (MEDB) Study Section

2000-2005 Ad-Hoc and Permanent Member of NIDDK Subcommittee B Review Committee for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism

2002-2004 Speaker and Session Chair for the 2002, 2003 and 2004 CF Foundation Williamsburg Conferences and the 2002, 2003 and 2004 North American CF Conferences

2003 Symposium Speaker for Experimental Biology 2003

Guest Editor for a "Current Topics in Membranes" Volume for Academic Press

2004 and 2005 Ad-Hoc Reviewer for NIDDK Special Emphasis Panel ZDK1 GRB-R O1 on "Short Programs in Multidisciplinary Research Training"

2004 Symposium Speaker for Purines 2004

2004 Named Associate Editor for *Purinergic Signaling*

2005 Chair and Reviewer, NIDDK Special Emphasis Panel ZDK-1 GRB-R (M3) Diabetes and Autoimmunity

2005 Editorial Board, *BioMedCentral-Physiology*

2005 Ad-Hoc Reviewer for Special Emphasis Panel ZAG-1 ZIJ-4 (O3) "Alzheimer's Disease Cellular Models

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2006 Session Leader and Symposium Speaker for Purines 2006 in Ferrara, Italy

2006 Reviewer for NIDDK Special Emphasis Panel ZDK1 GRB-B J1 R Short Term Education Programs for Under-represented Persons (STEP-UP R25)

2007 Introductory Speaker and Platform Speaker for EB 2007 Symposia

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Fall 2007 Guest Editor, Special Issue for Purinergic Signaling entitled "Physiology of Nucleotide Release"

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B. Publications (Selected from 66 Original Papers, 26 Reviews/Book Chapters, 3 Patents, and 9 IPDs)

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C. Research Support

EM Schwiebert resigned his tenured faculty appointment as an Associate Professor of Physiology and Biophysics and of Cell Biology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, effective 9-30-2007. Effective 10-1-2007, an active R01 award, 1 R01 DK67343-03, was transferred from Dr. Schwiebert to a collaborator on this R01 award, Dr. Mark O. Bevensee, Ph.D. Likewise, a Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) award was transferred to Dr. Dale J. Benos, Ph.D. for the remainder of this 1-year award.

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PI: Erik M. Schwiebert, Ph.D.

Organization: DiscoveryBioMed, Inc.

“Sodium Transport Inhibitors for Hypertension and Cystic Fibrosis”

Total Costs: \$100,000

This R43 application received a 136 priority score for CMBK study section.

Past Research Support over the Last 3 Years

NIH NIDDK 1 R01 DK 067343-04A2

(PI: E. Schwiebert)

“Ion Transport Dysregulation in Cilium-deficient ARPKD”

9-1-2005 through 8-31-2010

Direct Costs: \$184,500 for Year 4 Total Direct Costs: \$943,000

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Working Hypothesis: Loss of apical central monocilium-derived signals in ductal epithelia causes upregulated ENaC- and NHE-mediated Na⁺ absorption and resultant hypertension.

Overlap: None

Note: Transferred in 03 of the award to Dr. Mark O. Bevensee, Ph.D., a central collaborator on the award.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Innovation Grant 5-2007-262 (PI: E. Schwiebert)

“Zinc and ATP as Cytoprotective Autocrine Ligands for Beta Cells and Islets”

2-1-2007 through 1-31-2008

Direct Costs: \$100,000 (1 Year Only) Total Direct Costs: \$110,000

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Working Hypothesis: Extracellular ATP and zinc, co-secreted with insulin in response to the glucose stimulus, augment insulin secretion and are cytoprotective for beta cell and islet health and function.

Overlap: None

Note: Transferred the award to Dr. Dale J. Benos, Ph.D. as mandated by Dr. Benos, Chair of Dr. Schwiebert's former Department. Award is completed.

NIH NIDDK P30 DK072482-01A1

(PD: E. Sorscher)

“UAB CF Research and Translation Core Center”

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5-1-2007 through 4-30-2012

Direct Costs: \$129,130 for Cell Model and Assay Core A – K. Kirk PI) Total Direct Costs: \$501,265

E. Schwiebert was an “investigator” slated to help with this Core on behalf of the P30 and the CF Center.

Overlap: There is overlap involving CFTR electrophysiology with the P50 below that will end shortly.

Note: Role abandoned for this P30 PPG.

NIH NIDDK P30 DK 074038-02 (PD: L. Guay-Woodford)

“UAB Recessive Polycystic Kidney Disease Translational Core Centers”

9-1-2005 through 8-31-2010

Direct Costs: \$80,000 (for Physiology Core C) Total Direct Costs: \$400,000

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E. Schwiebert was co-Director of the Cellular Physiology Resource (Core C of this P30 PPG) and a participant in the Administrative Core.

Overlap: None

Note: Role abandoned for this P30 PPG.

NIH NIDDK 1 R01 DK 060065-04 (PI: J. Collawn)

“Cell Biology of CFTR in Polarized Epithelia”

12-1-2002 through 11-30-2007

Direct Costs: \$250,000 for Current Year Total Direct Costs: \$1,250,000

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This project investigates recycling of CFTR at the cell surface.

Overlap: None.

Note: This grant is in competitive renewal.

NIH NIDDK P50 DK 062397-10 (PD: E. Sorscher)

“SCOR Mechanistic Studies into CF Pathogenesis and Chloride Secretion”

9-1-2002 through 8-31-2007

Direct Costs: \$30,040 (for Assay Core B) Total Direct Costs: \$151,700

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This grant investigates basic mechanisms of CF pathogenesis and intervention.

Overlap: This P50 grant ended 08/31/2007 and will not be renewed.

Mentor for Fellowship Grants:

NIH NIGMS MARC Program NRSA 1 F31 GM078758-01 (PI: C. Williams, Ph.D. Candidate, Mentor: E. Schwiebert)

“Zinc and ATP: Autocrine Signalling Molecules for Beta Cells”

9-1-2006 through 8-31-2009

Direct costs: \$29,382 Total Direct \$88,416

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Overlap: None

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Note: Dr. Schwiebert remains the sponsor and mentor; Dr. Kathleen Berecek, Ph.D. is the co-sponsor and co-mentor along with Dr. Juan Contreras, M.D.